

Rochester Host Lions Club Newsletter

We Serve

Meetings 1st & 3rd Wednesday Noon @ Holiday Inn South

Jan. 2007, Newsletter No. 7

President's Message:

By: Lion Chip Swenson

Happy New Year Lions.

If we can start 2007 the way we finished 2006 we have a lot to look forward to. Our Host Lions Christmas Party was a great success. We were able to help provide 3 families with Christmas gifts. We were treated to an outstanding dinner and we were entertained by the Lourdes Center Street Singers. We thank Lion Laurie Marreel for planning the party and we thank Lion Dave Biren for assuring us we could pay \$10 for a \$30 dinner.

Thank you Lions for your service in 2006. Here we go with new opportunities and new challenges in 2007.

Our Club needs your support. Please sign up to serve on our various committees at a General Membership Meeting. We will have opportunities from Campaign Sight First II to Camp Winnebago and Beep Baseball to Vision Screening.

We will have our Raffle at the January 17th meeting. This should allow enough time to sell all of our tickets. We all know the importance of this Raffle. The Board of Directors approved our Administrative and Activities Budgets for July 2006 thru June 2007. We will need to reduce line item expenditures for 2007 in our Activities Budget.

Membership is a high priority. Open the door to Lions by inviting a guest to a meeting and make your attendance a priority as well.

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and that I will see you at our January 3rd meeting.

Bye for now.

Program Chairs for Jan. & Feb.:

01/03 Lion Tom Canan

01/17 Lion George Cornelius

02/07 Lion Lee Erdmann

02/21 Lion ??

Dates To Remember:

01/10 Host Lions Board Meeting

01/16 Ice Cream Social at Samaritan Bethany Heights at 7:00 PM

01/17 Host Lions Raffle Drawing

02/14 Host Lions Board Meeting

Salvation Army Bell Ringing:

Thanks for Ringing the Salvation Army Bell this year-Lions Dave Fellows, Tom O. Moore, Paul Wilson, Bob Waterman, Ron Yaggy, Gary Hicks, Lynn Goldsworthy, Jim Schmeichel, Don Hanson, Laurie and Mark Marreel, Jim Myhra, George Cornelius, Rick Miller, Rex Savage, Milt Rosenblad, Steve Knox, Fritz Trummer, Joe Borland, Dean Larson, Lee Erdmann, Tom Canan, Dave Biren, Kevin Schliesman, Chip Swenson, Jim and Dorothy Arendt.



Christmas Party:

It was great seeing all the Lions and their spouses all dressed up and ready for Christmas. We had 51 people attend. The entertainment was the Lourdes Center Street Singers who put on a wonderful performance. Thank you to all who participated in the Interfaith Hospitality Network Gift Giving. The families were very grateful.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and may 2007 be a great New Year!
Lion Laurie

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LIONS DISTRICT 5M1 MID-WINTER CONVENTION:

This year the convention will be held in Winona on February 3 - 5. The main activities are on Saturday the 4th. Please plan to attend at least Saturday if possible. There are very good speakers, sessions and networking with other Lions throughout our District. If you'd like a registration form or more information, contact Lion President Chip or Lion Laurie.

Preschool Vision Screening Meeting:

1. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007 - 9 am
Kids Come First
3615 15 Ave NW

2. Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007 - 9 am
Kids Come First
2450 HWY 63 N

*Please note: Set-up begins at 9 am

Thanks,

Lion Randy

2006 Sight and Hearing Report:

2006 was another busy year with screenings, eyeglass collection, and eye exam and glasses referrals.

Vision Screenings 2006:

Eight screenings were held in Day Care centers. 182 three to five year olds were screened. Six were referred for professional exams. Since starting in August of 2004 we have screened 530 children and referred 27 for re-screening or exams. Thanks to all the screeners and helpers, you have positively helped save and improve children's eyesight in Rochester.

Hearing 2006:

Seven hearing aids were collected and sent to the Hearing Foundation in Minneapolis. The club helped fund (\$200.00) for an individual to get a hearing test. This person had funding for hearing aids but no resources to get the test.

Eyeglass collection 2006:

We continue with our "Recycle for Sight" program. We had our lowest count this year since we started with 4700 pairs collected. This was due in part to losing our collection box at the Main Post Office. However, people are now bringing the glasses directly to the clerks at the

counter and they are saving them for me. We started this program in 1999 and this year's count puts us just over 50,000. We also have about 10 boxes out in the community.

Eye Exam and Glasses referrals 2006:

The club funded and/or facilitated 54 exams and glasses this year. This is way up from last year. Over 90% of these are children referred by School Nurses or Social Workers. Again, these are kids helped right here in Rochester. This is why we work so hard at fundraising. Everyone should be very proud of this program.

Lion Randy Vine
Sight & Hearing Chair

Birthdays for Jan. & Feb.:

Lion Dr. Robert (Bob) B. Waterman 02/08

On The Lighter Side

A guy shows up late for work. The boss yells, "You should have been here at 8:30!" He replies, "Why? What happened at 8:30?"

One day a State Trooper was pulling off an expressway near Chicago. When he turned onto the street at the end of the ramp, he noticed someone at a chicken place getting into his car. The driver placed the bucket of chicken on top of his car, got in and drove off with the bucket still on top of his car. So the trooper decides to pull him over and perform a community service by giving the driver his chicken. So he pulled him over, walked up to the car, pulled the bucket off the roof and offered it to the driver.

The driver looks at the trooper and says, "No thanks, I just bought some."

Program Notes:

At our meeting on December 6th we had Mr. Greg Monson, Director of the Quarry Hill Nature Center as our speaker. He gave us an update on the programs they have at the Nature Center. Recently they had a 40 ft. T-Rex skeleton on display that attracted a great deal of attention. Also they have been working on restoring an old Minnesota State Hospital Cemetery by installing new grave head stones to identify the deceased. Thanks for an interesting program.

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Editor's Note:

As we close out another year I want to thank the Host Lions Club for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Newsletter Editor. I also want to thank Lion Lee Erdmann for posting the newsletter on our website, Lion Mark Marreel for photos and all who have cooperated by sending me articles for the newsletter. You have made my part much easier. Have a

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Lion Tom O. Moore



Stewartville Lion Mel Harrington selling Poinsettia plants. Good job Stewartville Lions



Greg Monson, Director of Quarry Hill Nature Center



Christmas Party Organizer Lion Laurie Marreel



Stewartville Lion Mel Harrington being fined by Host Tail Twister Herb Thompson



Host Lions Christmas Party

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Lourdes High School Center Street Singers



Gifts for the Interfaith Hospitality Network